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Death quietly entered the home of Mrs. Thomas, who had been suffering from illness for some time, and she died at the age of 80. Mrs. Thomas was a pioneer woman of the early valley period and had lived in the valley for many years. She was a member of the Methodist church and was well known in the community. Her death was a great loss to her family and the community.

COAL STRIKE END THOUGHT TO BE NEAR

Fuel in East Is Nearly Exhausted As Miners And Operators Prepare To Resume Parley

Union High School District Will Vote On Stadium Issue Today

Voters of Phoenix will vote today on the issue of financing a high school stadium. The union high school district will hold a vote on the matter today. The stadium is estimated to cost \$80,000 and its construction would provide a permanent home for the high school sports teams.

Four Trainmen Die As Locomotives At Fort Worth Crash

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 27.—Four trainmen were killed and two injured today when a locomotive crashed into a passenger train at Fort Worth. The crash occurred at a crossing where the locomotive failed to stop in time. The passenger train was carrying about 100 passengers.

CHICAGO HAS \$1,000,000 LOSS BY FIRE IN 24 HOURS

Little Relief Provided From Sub-Zero Temperatures In Middle West And New England States

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Death quietly entered the home near Phoenix of Mrs. Trinidad Shumaker yesterday morning, bringing rest to one of the best known pioneer figures of the Salt River Valley.

Always a sturdy figure within the inner circle of her family, Mrs. Shumaker suffered a breakdown in health following the untimely death of a son in Mexico last year and never was able to recover her lost strength. In her passing Phoenix loses the first woman of alien parentage to enter the Salt River Valley. Enduring rigors of the State when it was virtually nothing but the hunting grounds of Indians, Mrs. Shumaker went to Tucson when she was but 17 years of age and has resided in Arizona since that time.

Mrs. Shumaker was born in Hermosillo, Sonora, some time prior to 1850 of Spanish parents. She became the wife of J. W. Swilling at Tucson upon arriving on United States soil and later removed with him to the present site of Wickenburg, where the first child of the union, Georgie, was born, and Mrs. Swilling's mother died. She was buried near Camelback Mountain and a rude cross erected above the grave. A second child was born to the couple in 1867 while they were visiting in Tucson.

Mrs. Shumaker frequently told of her early life in the State and her stories of experiences always tallied.

Following the birth of the second child in Tucson, the Swillings removed to Ashfork, where four more children were born. That was sev-

eral years prior to the building of the Santa Fe Railway. Early in December, 1867, however, Mr. Swilling headed a party of sixteen men, among them being Darrell Duppa (Lord Duppa) and Bryan Phillips, in digging the first modern canal in the brush covered Salt River Valley. The settlement which grew up about this enterprise was named by Lord Duppa "Phoenix," since it was built upon great pre-historic ruins.

The canal was started a short distance west of the common heading of the four pre-historic canals in the Park of Four Waters, now the property of the city of Phoenix. In April of 1868, Swilling filed upon 160 acres opposite the present golf course of the El Molino Country Club and during the following winter graded down a prehistoric ruin and erected upon it the first modern dwelling in the Salt River Valley. Portions of this house still stand. The ancient mound is named Dos Casas.

In June, 1869, the first election was held in this house with Judge E. W. Wells in charge. In August, 1870, an adobe flour mill was built upon the El Molino grounds by William B. and E. E. Hellings, the first building for commercial purposes.

To Mrs. Swilling seven children were born. After the death of Mr. Swilling she married the late H. Shumaker, another pioneer of the Salt River Valley, and to them three children were born, one of whom, H. F. Shumaker, is now living. He and

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his wife recently came to Phoenix from California to be with his mother in her home on Broadway Road, where death came.

Charles Shumaker was a naval volunteer from Phoenix and died during 1918 while in the service. Robert was killed in a Sonora tragedy one year ago and suffering over the fate of this son was one of the contributory causes of the death of Mrs. Shumaker.

It was with pride that Mrs. Shumaker lately presented to the Arizona Museum her mother's rosary, prayer book and a lace shawl, brought from Spain many years ago. She also gave to the Museum a rifle carried by her first husband and upon which his name had been engraved by the makers. Mrs. Shumaker was often heard to express the thought that her pioneer days in the Salt River Valley were her happiest except when she reflected upon the great strides in advancement the section has taken.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Mary's Church under the direction of the Whitney Mortuary Company. Burial will be made in St. Frances Cemetery.